

## Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (452 word count)

*Post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles to help your customers learn about making a payment to get an automatic extension of time to file.*

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### **Make an electronic payment and get an automatic extension of time to file**

An extension of time to file will automatically process when you pay all or part of your taxes electronically by April 17. There's no need to file a paper or electronic [Form 4868](#), Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

However, an extension of time to file is not an extension to pay. You can file up to six months later when you have an extension, but your taxes are still due by your original due date. You can get an automatic extension when you make a payment with [Direct Pay](#), the [Electronic Federal Tax Payment System](#) or by [debit or credit card](#).

When paying electronically, you must select Form 4868 as the payment type and the payment date to get the automatic extension. Keep the confirmation you receive as proof of your payment. With Direct Pay and EFTPS you can opt in to receive email notifications about your payment. You need to watch out for [email schemes](#). You will only receive an email from Direct Pay or EFTPS if you've opted in for email notifications when you initiate the payment process in Direct Pay or sign up for email through EFTPS. Report all unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS or an IRS-related function to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

Another way to make a payment is through the [IRS2Go](#) mobile app. It provides an easy way for you to make a payment, check the status of your refund and other helpful functions. Download IRS2Go from Google Play, the Apple App Store or Amazon to make payments anytime, anywhere. IRS electronic payment options are quick, easy and secure.

Did you know that you can go to [IRS.gov/account](https://www.irs.gov/account) to securely access information about your federal tax account? Once logged in, you can view the amount you owe; pay online or set up an online payment agreement; access your tax records online; review the past 18 months of payment history; and view key tax return information for the current year as filed. Prior to registering, you can visit [IRS.gov/secureaccess](https://www.irs.gov/secureaccess) to review the required identity authentication process.

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**NOTE TO EDITOR:** Below are links to help taxpayers find more information about payments.

- [IRS.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments)
- [Publication 5034, Need to make a tax payment?](#)

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#ViewyourIRSbalance
- Need to make a tax payment? #IRSDirectPay #EFTPS <http://go.usa.gov/3B9Bh>